

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC §103(a)

In the instant Office Action, independent claim 6 and dependent claim 7 are rejected under §103(a) over Bolash et al. (US 6,151,041) in view of Komplin et al. (US 6,155,678).

Applicant amends claims 6 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7, and further explicitly recite that the second cradle is interchangeable with the first cradle. Applicant respectfully believes that such an amendment does not introduce subject matter that requires a new search, as it appears that the Examiner has previously recognized this intended construction/interpretation of claim 6, and assumedly conducted a search in accordance with MPEP §904.03.

Amended claim 6, in reciting that a second cradle is provided and explicitly reciting that the second cradle that is interchangeable with the first cradle is respectfully submitted to distinguish over the cited combination of references. Neither Bolash et al., nor Komplin et al., nor for that matter Waller et al., appear to teach or suggest a second cradle that is interchangeable with the first cradle.

35 USC §112, first paragraph

The §112, first paragraph, of claim 7 (now incorporated into claim 6) is believed to be overcome by virtue of the amendment to claim 6 explicitly reciting that the second cradle is interchangeable with the first cradle.

The above notwithstanding, Applicant points out that claim 6 is directed to a system comprising a printer, and that it is the system that comprises the second cradle. It is not recited that the printer has both a first and second cradle at the same time.

Applicant respectfully submits that a system comprising first and second cradles simultaneously is supported by the specification.

Independent claim 6 as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom, are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's favourable consideration of the application is earnestly sought.

Very respectfully,



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